

Approved

**Town of Brentwood  
Budget Committee**  
Minutes of April 28, 2014

*Present:* Elyse Seeley, Bill Faria, John Lyon, Dianne Vosgien, (School Board Representative), Malcolm Allison, Krista Steger (late), Jeff Bryan (Selectmen Rep).

*Visitors:* Melissa Litchfield, Bob Montegari.

Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Motion to approve draft meeting and Budget Hearing minutes from February 17, 2014, Malcolm/Krista, both Approved, 6-0.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

1. Motion to nominate Elyse Seeley as Chair, Dianne/Malcolm, approved, 6-0
2. Motion to nominate Bill Faria as Secretary, Malcolm/Krista, approved, 6-0-1.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Elyse reminded everyone we still have a vacancy on Budget Committee. There were two people who contacted her but no one showed today. Bill will follow up and if no response will publish a notice in the Newsletter or ask anyone interested to contact us through via email or letter.
2. Next meeting date will be October 6, 2014, since last year we had no budgets to consider until October, and Jeff indicates that it is likely to be the same this year. October should be when budgets will be available for review and consideration.
3. Tax impact status was discussed, and corrections were made to the overall tax impact charts since fire apparatus and Swasey School Warrants 2 and 3 were not approved at Town Meeting. If there is no offset from the Selectmen, the tax impact will be \$1.64 per \$1000 valuation (the increase from last year to this year), and for a property valued at \$300 K the overall tax impact increase will be \$492.81 est.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Elyse shared a copy of a letter sent by Jim Johnson that referenced the LGC refund money directed to SAU 16. It is information for us with possible revenue impact for 2014-2015.
2. Discussion about Town Meeting decisions regarding the Warrants that did not pass at the meeting (i.e. new teacher contract, full day kindergarten, fire apparatus)

Re: Swasey The feedback that we received from various citizens were shared with Dianne to take back to the School Board. Some suggestions discussed were shorter time frame for contract, and less of a COLA increase.

It was also noted that of all the new contracts that passed in other towns, all but one was lower in increases than the one proposed for Swasey. Questions about the wisdom of simultaneous proposed increases in operations budget, new programs and contract.

3. Discussion on School Board's vote to offer contracts to all 19 of current teaching staff. after Board Chair and Superintendent commitment to wait and see enrollment numbers, and our decision to not reduce operating budget based on this commitment. Student population still unclear. Members expressed concern that next year's School Budget will now be difficult to support.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Melissa Litchfield (School Board member) attempted to explain the School Board vote on next year's teacher contracts. She, along with Dianne, will take the overall perceptions of Budcom to the School Board at their next meeting. Elyse asked to be put on their agenda to address the issue representing Budcom.

8:12 pm Motion to adjourn, Krista/Malcolm, approved, 6-0-1

Minutes respectfully submitted by William C Faria

**REVISED BRENTWOOD TAX IMPACTS 2014-15**  
**2014**

**APPROVED BY VOTERS March**

	AMOUNT		DIFFERENCE from prior year		One year % Increase or Decrease		TAX in cents per \$1000 property valuation		300K property cost estimate	
TOWN OB	\$3,046,926		\$185,001		6.46 %		.3786		\$113.58	
TOWN WA	\$592,501		-(\$50,321)		-( 7.8 %)		- (.1029)		- (\$30.87)	
BOND WA for Fire Apparatus	Lease-purchase for 5 years <b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>		No appropriation until 2015 <b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>		No appropriation until 2015 <b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>		<b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>		<b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN</b>	<b>\$3,639,427</b>		<b>\$134,680</b>		<b>3.84%</b>		<b>.2757</b>		<b>\$ 82.71</b>	
SWASEY SCHOOL OB	\$5,455,102		\$278,598		5.38 %		.57		\$171.00	
SWASEY Warrant Article #1 Teacher Contract	\$43,887 first year appropriation		\$43,887, \$65,793, \$64,789 plus benefits changes		2.3% per year for 3 years plus benefits changes		.0898 year one @ 528 cents over		\$26.94 @ 161 dollars over three years	
SWASEY SCHOOL WA #2 Full Day Kindergarten	\$120,000 <b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>		\$120,000 <b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>		100% <b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>		.2456 <b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>		\$73.68 <b>Not Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$ 5,618,989</b>		<b>\$ 442,485</b>		<b>8.55%</b>		<b>.57</b>		<b>\$171.00</b>	
COOP SCHOOL Operations (WA #1)	Proposed (Yes vote)	Default (No Vote)	Proposed (YES)	Default (NO)	Proposed (YES)	Default (NO)	P	D	P	D
	\$54,385,508	\$53,941,272	\$1,685,508	\$1,241,272	3.2 %	2.36 %	.655	.517	\$196.50	\$155.10
COOP WA (2) administrators cntct	\$49,613 first year appropriation		\$49,613, \$34,856, \$35,553 plus benefits changes		Year 1: 3 % Years 2,3: 2 % plus benefits changes		.015 year one @ 10 cents over three years		\$ 4.50 @ 30 dollars over three years	
COOP WA (3) teachers contract	\$412,058 first year appropriation		\$412,058, \$631,578, \$570,343 plus benefits changes		Year 1: 2.05% Years 2,3: 1.95% plus benefits changes		.127 year one @ 76 cents over three years		\$ 38.00 @ 230 dollars over three years	
<b>TOTAL COOP</b>	\$54,847,179	\$54,402,943	\$2,147,179	\$1,702,943	4.07%	3.23%	.797	.659	239.10	197.70
<b>Brentwood GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$64,105,595	\$63,661,359	\$2,724,344	\$2,280,108	4.44%	3.71%	\$1.64	\$1.50	\$492.81	\$451.41